



ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE

HON. TED MORTON
LEGISLATOR

County Executive Mark Poloncarz
95 Franklin Street, 16th Floor
Buffalo, NY 14202

August 4, 2014

Dear County Executive Poloncarz,

I am writing to you in regard to the reconstruction of Zurbrick Road in the Town of Cheektowaga and Village of Depew. The road is scheduled to be rebuilt in the spring of 2015, and I am reaching out to you on behalf of the Mayor of Depew, Steve Hoffman, and the Village Board. The Village has spent \$300,000, to date, on remedial work and is anticipating as much as an additional \$1 million for its share of reconstruction costs. This \$1.3 million cost represents 10 percent of Depew's annual budget. A similar size county road project would be \$150 million or five years of roadwork for a single road.

Zurbrick Road is entirely in my Legislative District, and as the Legislator representing the Village of Depew, I am asking you to include funds for this project in your upcoming 2015 capital budget to equally share in the reconstruction of Zurbrick Road with Depew and Cheektowaga. In other words: the total cost to be paid as follows:

- 1/3 Erie County
- 1/3 Town of Cheektowaga
- 1/3 Village of Depew

There are two significant reasons why Erie County should be paying one-third of the cost of this project. The land that collapsed along the creek bank, which caused this problem, is owned by Erie County. Therefore, if Erie County had properly maintained this county owned land over the years, Depew and Cheektowaga would not be faced with this necessary road reconstruction. Also, in 2011, while you were campaigning for the office of county executive, you held a press conference on Zurbrick Road discussing the failure of the current administration and its predecessor to resolve the then seven-year closing of Zurbrick Road. Standing next to Mayor Hoffman and in front of print and video media, you promised that if elected, Erie County would assist in the cost of rebuilding Zurbrick Road.

County Executive Poloncarz, now is the time to fulfill your promise and assist in the reconstruction of Zurbrick Road in the Village of Depew and the Town of Cheektowaga by identifying funds for this project. I look forward to hearing from you in the very near future.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ted B. Morton", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Ted B. Morton
Erie County Legislature
8th District